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L A T E C A B L E S . . .

Timely rains necessary for realization of wheat prospects in Canadian Prairie Provinces even in areas with heavy stands, but above-normal temperatures brought crops along rapidly in week ended June 28. Early sown wheat heading in southern sections. Stem rust in southern Manitoba, grasshoppers in parts of Saskatchewan, and hail in central Manitoba and southern Alberta caused some damage. Crop also suffering from lack of rain some parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta but generally holding up well throughout the three Provinces. (Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.)

Hungary 1938 crop estimates reported as follows, with 1937 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 3,932,000 acres (3,635,000), 85,722,000 bushels (72,158,000); rye 1,547,000 acres (1,499,000), 29,132,000 bushels (24,325,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Morocco 1938 grain production estimated as follows, with 1937 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 26,051,000 bushels (20,895,000), barley 47,445,000 (37,942,000), oats 3,307,000 (2,718,000), corn 10,629,000 bushels (6,360,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Brisbane, Australia, final wool sales for season opened June 27 with average selection and keen competition. Chief buyers were from France and Germany. Prices were firm for all descriptions. Sales closed June 28 with conditions unchanged. (Agricultural Attaché, C. C. Taylor, London.)

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Canadian wheat makes satisfactory progress

Crop progress in the Canadian Prairie Provinces was satisfactory over a large part of the principal wheat-producing areas during the week ended June 21, it was reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Moisture supplies were inadequate in southern Manitoba, and indications pointed to a short crop, but prospects were good in northwestern sections. Although rains were needed in southwestern and northern Saskatchewan, crop progress was generally satisfactory over the Province. Grasshoppers were active, but control measures had reduced damage to a minimum. Crop prospects were fair to good in southern and central Alberta, where warm weather stimulated growth, but lack of moisture resulted in a critical situation in northern Alberta. Some damage from grasshoppers was reported, but it was not considered serious.

Favorable weather conditions were reported in the Maritimes, and grain crops were generally good in all 3 Provinces. Prospects for winter wheat in Ontario were promising, although excessive rains flooded crops in the northern part of the Province. Yields of winter wheat in British Columbia were considered about normal.

Canadian apple crop smaller this year

The 1938 apple crop in Canada is expected to be below the 15,200,000 bushels produced in 1937, according to the Canadian Fruit and Vegetable Crop Report dated June 22. An average crop is in prospect. The crop in Nova Scotia is expected to be average but 20 percent below last year, while in Ontario it is reported to be slightly above average. A slight decrease is anticipated in British Columbia. Indications so far point to a crop of good quality in most Provinces. There has been a lack of moisture in British Columbia. Other tree fruits in that Province are expected to exceed last year's crops, but the opposite is in prospect for Ontario.

1937-38 citron crop in Italy large

A total of 7,900 short tons of citron was produced in Italy in 1937-38 compared with 4,400 tons in 1936-37, writes Linton Crook, American vice consul at Palermo. The 1938-39 crop is expected to be about 6,600 tons, which is considered a normal crop. Over half of the 1937-38 crop went to Leghorn for processing. Exports of brined citron from October 1 to April 30 amounted to 1,300 short tons. The United Kingdom took about one-half, with the Netherlands and the United States the other principal outlets.

Argentine potato crop shows sharp increase

The total 1937-38 potato crop in Argentina is placed at 1,050,000 short tons, 22 percent larger than the average production of the last 5 years. The marketable crop was considered to be 890,000 tons compared with a marketable production last year of 355,000 tons, according to the

Buenos Aires office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The larger crop this past season is attributed chiefly to the use of good quality seed, much of which was imported. Imports of potatoes during 1936-37 for consumption and for seed for the 1937-38 crop amounted to 225,000 tons against 137,000 in 1935-36, and only 691 tons in the preceding year. Exports during 1936-37 and in the previous year varied between 3,000 and 4,000 tons. Yields from imported seed have been so much more satisfactory than the yields from local seed that it is highly probable that substantial quantities of seed potatoes will continue to be imported.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON

While the 6 leading cotton countries exported 1.5 million bales less during the first 9 months of the current season than during the corresponding period last year, exports from the United States rose about 400,000 bales or 8 percent. The combined exports from the other 5 countries declined about 35 percent.

As shown in the following table, the largest single factor in the decline has been the decrease in Japanese purchases. This has been especially severe for British India which customarily sends the largest part of its exports to Japan.

COTTON: Exports to Japan from specified countries, August-April, 1936-37 and 1937-38

Country from which exported	1936-37 1,000 bales	1937-38 1,000 bales	1937-38 decrease from 1936-37	
			Amount 1,000 bales	Percentage Percent
United States.	1,410	580	830	59
British India.	1,530	489	1,041	68
Egypt.....	200	67	133	66
Brazil.....	75	57	18	24
Peru	a/ 30	5	25	83
Argentina.....	6	3	3	50
Total.....	3,251	1,201	2,050	63

Compiled from official sources. a/ Estimated.

United States: In the August-April period of 1937-38, the United States exported 5,379,000 bales, a gain of 394,000 bales over the preceding season. Most of this gain occurred in the earlier months of the year. There are indications that exports may be greatly reduced before the close of the current season on July 31. Exports for the 3 months February-April 1938 were moderately lower than those of 1937, and preliminary reports show a sharp decline in May. The decline in exports to Japan this season has been more than offset by a million-bale rise in exports to European countries. The United Kingdom led with a gain of 500,000 bales. Italy increased purchases 142,000 bales, France 84,000 bales, and Germany 61,000 bales.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON, CONT'D

British India: Exports from British India, amounting to 1,216,000 bales, continued the downward trend which began early in the season. This was less than half the 2,700,000 bales exported last season.

Egypt: Egyptian exports amounted to 1,428,000 bales or 161,000 less than a year earlier, practically all of the decrease being in exports to Japan. Exports to other principal markets did not vary greatly from those of a year ago.

Brazil: Brazilian exports from August 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938, amounted to 555,000 bales, which did not quite equal the peak of 609,000 bales exported in the corresponding period last season. Germany increased takings of Brazilian cotton from 197,000 to 269,000 bales, a gain of 37 per cent. All other principal foreign markets took less than a year earlier.

Peru and Argentina: Peru exported 203,000 bales or 9,000 bales less than last season. Exports from Argentina continue at a low level.

COTTON: Summary of world exports, August-April, average, 1923-24 to 1932-33 and annual 1934-35 to 1937-38

Exporting countries	Quantity				
	Average 1923-24 to 1932-33	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
United States	7,091	4,088	5,424	4,985	5,379
British India	2,085	1,872	2,256	2,711	1,216
Egypt.....	1,192	1,364	1,384	1,589	1,428
Brazil.....	77	577	419	663	a/ 595
Peru.....	136	188	234	212	203
Argentina.....	46	80	118	128	15
Total.....	10,627	8,169	9,835	10,288	8,836
	Percentage of total				
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
United States	67	50	55	49	61
British India	20	23	23	26	14
Egypt.....	11	17	14	16	16
Brazil.....	1	7	4	6	7
Peru.....	1	2	3	2	2
Argentina.....	b/	1	1	1	b/
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100

Compiled from official sources. a/ Exports for April estimated at 40,000 bales. b/ Less than 0.5 percent.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON, CONT'D

COTTON: Destination of exports from the principal exporting countries, average 1922-24 to 1932-33 and seasons 1935-36 to 1937-38 a/

Destination of exports from principal exporting countries	August-April							
	Average 1923-24 to 1932-33	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	Average 1923-24 to 1932-33	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
	bales	bales	bales	bales	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<u>Exports from the</u>	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000				
<u>United States to</u>	bales	bales	bales	bales	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Germany*	1,638	709	602	663	23	13	12	12
United Kingdom.....	1,604	1,210	1,068	1,568	23	22	21	29
France.....	786	650	664	748	11	12	13	14
Italy.....	594	338	326	468	8	6	7	9
Spain.....	258	195	b/	0	4	4	c/	0
Belgium.....	168	157	148	185	2	3	3	3
Netherlands.....	123	63	84	116	2	1	2	2
U.S.S.R.								
(Russian) d/.....	113	0	1	b/	2	0	c/	c/
Sweden.....	52	73	79	80	1	1	2	2
Portugal.....	38	48	34	34	1	1	1	1
Poland & Danzig...	17	236	161	197	c/	4	3	4
Other Europe.....	56	86	107	234	c/	2	2	4
Total Europe.....	5,447	3,765	3,274	4,293	77	69	66	80
Canada.....	172	207	233	210	2	4	5	4
Japan.....	1,140	1,376	1,410	580	16	25	28	11
China.....	243	35	14	20	3	1	c/	c/
British India.....	73	7	12	147	1	c/	c/	3
Other countries...	16	34	42	129	1	1	1	2
Total.....	7,091	5,424	4,985	5,379	100	100	100	100
<u>British India to</u>								
Japan.....	1,008	1,133	1,530	489	48	50	56	40
Italy.....	228	71	153	73	11	3	6	6
China.....	217	77	9	57	10	3	c/	5
Germany.....	143	193	134	94	7	9	5	8
Belgium	138	149	227	92	7	7	8	8
United Kingdom.....	130	335	381	182	6	15	14	15
France.....	105	114	92	61	5	5	3	5
Spain.....	43	46	b/	b/ e/	2	2	c/	c/
Netherlands.....	28	30	41	e/ 20	1	1	2	2
Other countries...	45	108	144	148	3	5	6	11
Total.....	2,085	2,256	2,711	1,216	100	100	100	100

* Includes shipments through the free port of Bremen, much of which is afterward shipped to other countries. According to German official trade returns, imports of American cotton for consumption in Germany amounted to 249,000 bales in August-April 1937-38; 150,000 bales in 1936-37; and 378,000 bales in 1935-36.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON, CONT'D

COTTON: Destination of exports from the principal exporting countries, average 1923-24 to 1932-33 and seasons 1935-36 to 1937-38 a/

Destination of exports from principal exporting countries	August-April							
	Quantity				Percentage of total			
	Average 1923-24 to 1932-33	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	Average 1923-24 to 1932-33	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Exports from</u>	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000				
<u>Egypt to</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
United Kingdom ...	469	473	545	473	39	34	34	33
France	154	195	176	196	13	14	11	14
United States	142	45	56	31	12	3	4	2
Germany	86	126	120	165	7	9	8	12
Italy	78	76	89	93	7	5	6	6
Japan	55	90	200	67	5	6	13	5
Switzerland	53	46	66	65	4	3	4	5
Spain	38	78	0	1	3	6	0	<u>c/</u>
U.S.S.R.								
(Russia) <u>d/</u>	37	<u>f/</u>	<u>f/</u>	<u>f/</u>	3	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia ...	25	55	64	47	2	4	4	3
British India	19	54	76	109	2	4	5	8
Poland & Danzig ..	10	28	28	32	1	2	2	2
Other countries ..	26	118	169	149	2	10	9	10
Total	1,192	1,384	1,589	1,428	100	100	100	100
	August-March							
<u>Brazil to</u>								
Germany		176	197	269		48	32	49
United Kingdom ...		101	200	132		27	33	24
Japan		6	68	56		2	11	10
France		26	30	27		7	5	5
Portugal		8	15	<u>g/</u> 22		2	2	4
Belgium-Luxem. ...		24	18	15		7	3	3
Poland		3	13	<u>g/</u> 9		1	2	2
Netherlands		16	15	8		4	3	1
Italy		6	38	4		2	6	1
Other countries ..		<u>b/</u>	15	13		<u>c/</u>	3	1
Total	<u>h/</u> 75	366	609	555	100	100	100	100

Compiled from official sources.

a/ Bales of 478 pounds net except for the United States which are in bales of 500 pounds gross. b/ Less than 500 bales. c/ Less than 0.5 percent. d/ Beginning January 1, 1935, includes Russia in Asia. e/ Eight months, August-March. f/ If any, included in "Other countries". g/ Seven months, August-February. h/ No data available by countries.

COTTON: Price per pound of representative raw cotton at Liverpool,
June 24, 1938, with comparisons

Growth	1938							
	May				June			
	6	13	20	27	3	9 a/	17	24
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
American -								
Middling.....	9.75	9.88	9.69	9.18	9.13	9.36	9.71	9.98
Low Middling.....	8.42	8.33	8.13	7.64	7.69	7.92	8.26	8.54
Egyptian (Fully Good Fair) -								
Sakellaridis.....	15.82	15.89	15.65	15.20	15.12	14.97	15.38	16.02
Uppers.....	11.64	11.63	11.59	11.34	11.13	11.36	11.78	12.20
Brazilian (Fair) -								
Ceara.....	8.92	9.06	8.86	8.56	8.30	8.44	8.78	9.05
Sao Paulo.....	9.35	9.78	9.58	9.08	8.92	9.05	9.40	9.67
East Indian -								
Broach (Fully Good).....	7.96	8.10	7.93	7.43	7.27	7.28	7.60	7.88
C.P. Comra No. 1, Superfine	8.42	8.56	8.38	7.89	7.73	7.73	8.05	8.33
Sind (Fully Good).....	6.78	6.71	6.54	6.05	6.16	6.27	6.52	6.78
Peruvian (Good) -								
Tanguis.....	13.60	13.72	13.52	12.79	12.74	12.87	13.23	-

Converted at current exchange rates.

a/ Thursday's price due to holiday, Friday, June 10.

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UNITED STATES: Exports of cotton to principal foreign markets,
annual 1935-36 and 1936-37, and the season
August 1-June 23, 1936-37 and 1937-38 a/
(Running bales)

Country to which exported	Year ended July 31		August 1-June 23	
	1935-36	1936-37	1936-37	1937-38
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
United Kingdom.....	1,466	1,220	1,174	1,583
Continental Europe.....	2,936	2,587	2,495	2,949
Total Europe.....	4,402	3,807	3,669	4,532
Japan.....	1,548	1,592	1,550	648
Other countries.....	333	320	355	522
Total.....	6,283	5,779	5,574	5,702
Linters.....	243	259	253	254
Total excluding linters	6,040	5,520	5,321	5,448

Compiled from the Weekly Stock and Movement Report, New York Cotton Exchange.

a/ Includes linters.

**BUTTER: New Zealand grading, 1937-38 season to June 16,
with comparisons**

Date	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
August 1-March 26...	272,306	284,133	269,567
April 2.....	6,440	6,055	5,499
9.....	5,600	7,406	4,760
16.....	5,656	6,216	3,864
23.....	4,704	5,712	4,480
30.....	4,704	5,247	3,472
Monthly total.....	27,104	30,637	22,075
May 7.....	3,864	4,253	3,282
14.....	2,962	3,136	2,856
21.....	2,296	2,912	2,576
28.....	1,960	2,240	2,184
Monthly total.....	11,088	12,544	10,398
June 2.....	1,456	1,792	1,708
9.....	1,120	1,120	1,176
16.....	1,008	950	896
Total to June 16....	314,082	331,176	306,320

Agricultural Attache C. C. Taylor, London.

**BUTTER: Australian grading, 1937-38 season to June 4,
with comparisons**

Date	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
July 1-February 26..	177,933	133,393	160,714
March 5.....	4,601	5,398	5,799
12.....	4,027	4,995	5,304
19.....	3,799	4,329	4,449
26.....	3,774	4,400	3,898
Monthly total.....	16,201	19,122	19,450
April 2.....	3,761	4,178	3,212
9.....	2,773	4,200	3,109
16.....	3,076	3,644	2,124
23.....	2,701	3,223	4,032
30.....	2,222	2,444	2,643
Monthly total.....	14,533	17,689	15,120
May 7.....	1,557	2,554	2,975
14.....	1,308	1,452	2,112
21.....	970	1,496	1,611
29.....	892	1,555	2,652
Monthly total.....	4,727	7,057	9,350
June 4.....	1,301	1,205	2,228
Total to June 4	214,595	178,466	206,862

Weekly Dairy Produce Notes, Imperial Economic Committee, London.

BUTTER: Price per pound in New York, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and London, June 23, 1938, with comparisons

Market and description	June 24, 1937	June 16, 1938	June 23, 1938
	Cents	Cents	Cents
New York, 92 score.....	30.8	26.0	26.2
San Francisco, 92 score.....	33.0	26.0	26.0
Copenhagen, official quotation.	19.9	21.7	22.1
London:			
Danish.....	25.4	27.2	27.8
New Zealand	24.2	26.5	27.5
Dutch.....	23.7	24.6	25.6

Foreign prices converted at current rates of exchange.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT: Price per 100 pounds in specified European markets, June 22, 1938, with comparisons a/

Market and item	Week ended		
	June 23, 1937	June 15, 1938	June 22, 1938
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Germany:			
Price of hogs, Berlin.....	17.31	17.34	17.34
Price of lard, tcs., Hamburg.	12.87	9.88	9.97
United Kingdom: b/			
Prices at Liverpool, first quality -			
American green bellies.....	17.43	14.53	14.51
Danish Wiltshire sides.....	19.34	21.74	21.75
Canadian green sides.....	17.17	19.73	20.32
American short cut green .. hams.....	21.11	21.19	21.15
American refined lard.....	14.23	10.61	10.60

Liverpool quotations are on the basis of sales from importer to wholesaler.

a/ Converted at current rate of exchange.

b/ Week ended Friday.

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